

**DEATH BENEFIT CLAIMS  
EXAMPLES OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

Documentation to support claim for benefits due to the death of a peace officer or fireman should include, but is not limited to the following:

**Death certificate of deceased peace officer/fireman.**

**Accident/Incident report, if applicable.**

**Affidavit of head of employing agency/department addressing the following questions with regard to the incident causing the death of the peace officer/fireman:**

Was peace officer/fireman engaged in the performance of his duties when he was killed or received injuries which resulted in death?

Was peace officer/fireman engaged in willful misconduct?

Was peace officer/fireman intoxicated by alcohol or drugs at time of death? Were tests conducted with regard to alcohol/drugs?

Did peace officer/fireman refuse or fail to use safety appliances provided by his employer?

Did peace officer/fireman refuse or neglect to perform a statutory duty?

Did peace officer/fireman violate a law or willfully breach a reasonable rule or regulation governing the performance of his duties or employment?

**Marriage/divorce documents, birth certificates, guardianship documents, etc., to identify dependents of deceased peace officer/fireman.**

Persons conclusively presumed to be wholly dependent are:

Wife, unless voluntarily living apart or not supported by deceased for more than twelve months prior to death.

Children under the age of eighteen; children over eighteen if physically/mentally incapacitated from earning.

Wife, child, husband, mother, father, grandmother, grandfather, sister, brother, mother-in-law and father-in-law if wholly supported by the deceased at the time of death.

Partial dependents are any of the above who regularly derived part of his/her support from the earnings of the deceased peace officer/fireman.

Mother or father shall be eligible for benefits if the deceased peace officer/fireman had no dependents or partial dependents.

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